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SUBJ: US- USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: ICY- CAPE
BOWHEAD WHALE PROJECT

REF: A. STATE 70607; B. MOSCOW 3793; C. MOSCOW 3196;
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1. TRAIN- FEDOROV LETTER (REF A) WAS DELIVERED TO HYDROMET TODAY, APRIL 17. IN PRESENTING LETTER, SCIATT AGAIN EMPHASIZED SERIOUSNESS OF THIS BREACH OF AGREEMENT TO CARRY OUT MCVAY WHALE PROJECT. KAZAKOV ADMITTED SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM AND GAVE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION, GLEANED AFTER EARLIER DEMARCHE (APRIL 13) TO HIM ON THIS SUBJECT (PARA TWO, REF D). DR. YABLOKOV, FOR PERSONAL REASONS, WAS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE. MINISTRY OF FISHING INDUSTRY COULD FIND NO COMPETENT SPECIALIST TO REPLACE HIM AND APPEALED TO USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES FOR ALTERNATE SPECIALIST. ACADEMY, HOWEVER, COULD NOT LOCATE SUITABLE PARTICIPANT EITHER. YABLOKOV THEN SENT MCVAY LETTER IN MID- MARCH BY INTERNATIONAL MAIL INFORMING HIM OF SITUATION AND EXPRESSING REGRET THAT SOVIET SIDE WOULD BE UNABLE TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT.

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2. ACCORDING TO KAZAKOV, WHO WAS PRESENT DURING TALKS BETWEEN JANIN AND FEDOROV ON MARCH 23, JANIN WAS INFORMED THAT SOVIET PARTICIPATION NOT POSSIBLE, FOR REASONS STATED ABOVE, AND KAZAKOV SUGGESTS THAT MISSUNDERSTANDING AROSE FROM RUSSIAN/ ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROBLEM (PARA THREE REF C).

3. OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY ABOVE DISCUSSION WAS USED TO TRANSMIT SLADEN CORRESPONDENCE RECENTLY POUCHED TO EMBASSY CONCERNING SWAN PROJECT (PARA THREE REF D) AND TO URGE THAT THIS PROJECT NOT SUFFER SAME FATE AS WHALE PROJECT. COPIES OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE ALSO GIVEN TO KISHCHINSKIY, AT PERRY'S (CEQ) REQUEST. KAZAKOV PROMISED EARLY RESPONSE TO SLADEN AND ALSO EXPRESSED NEED TO AVOID REPETITION OF WHALE AFFAIR. DUBS

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